3 DAYS LATER

CAN I ASK YOU FOR A FAVOUR?

HM?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS DRAWING?
IS IT BETTER THAN LAST TIME?

HMM, I SUPPOSE THERE'S IMPROVEMENT...

BUT SOMETHING SEEMS OFF, LIKE THE ANATOMY?

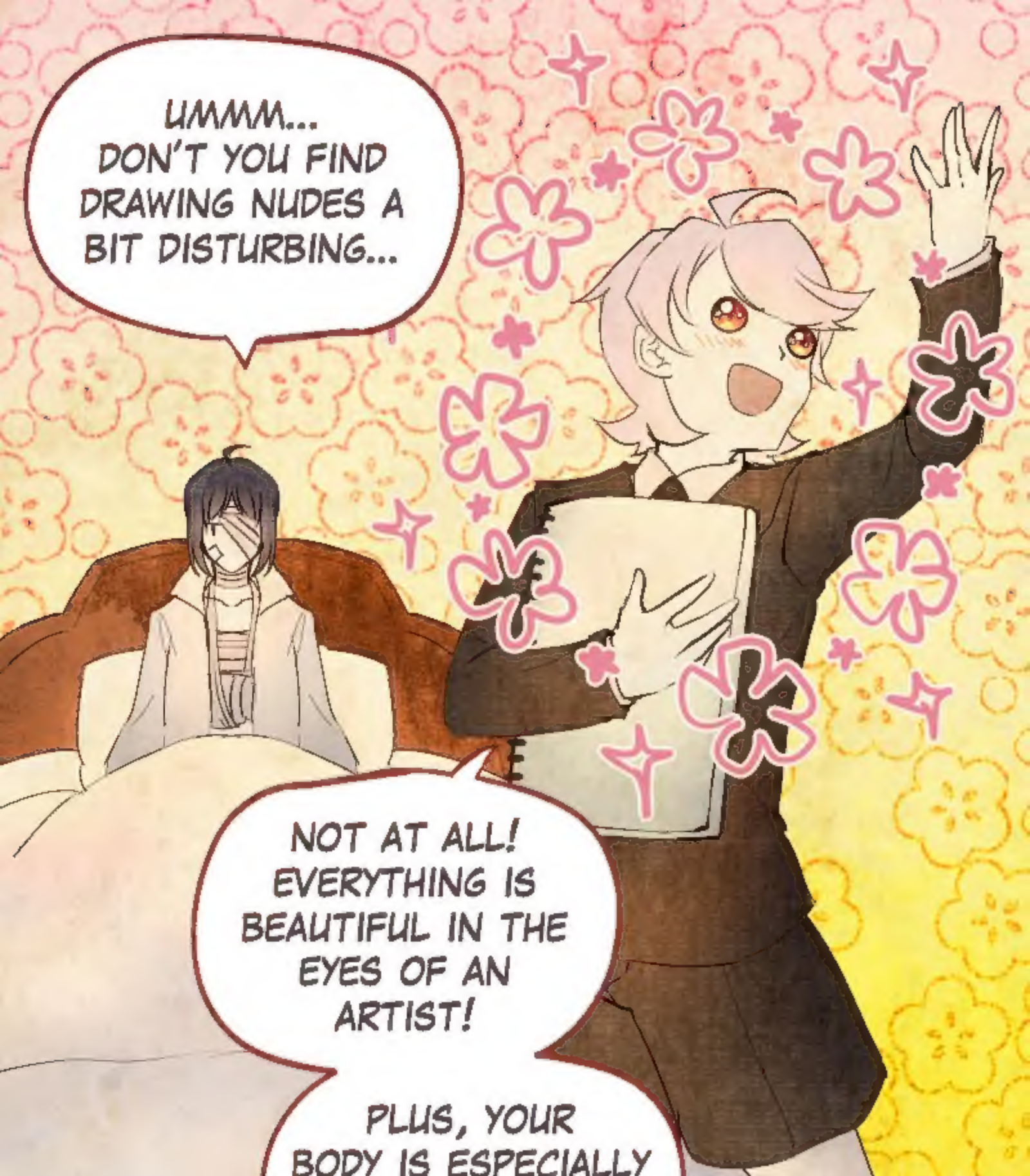
HMMMM... YOU'RE RIGHT...

IT DOES LOOK A BIT WEIRD...
PLEASE HELP ME, HAYATE!
H-HOW? I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT

ART--

NO, NOT THAT -- I NEED YOU AS AN ANATOMY REFERENCE!

LIKE, BE MY NUDE MODEL.


UMMM... DON'T YOU FIND DRAWING NUDES A BIT DISTURBING...
NOT AT ALL! EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL IN THE EYES OF AN ARTIST!
PLUS, YOUR BODY IS ESPECIALLY

BEAUTIFUL, HAYATE!
I'VE SEEN IT ALL!

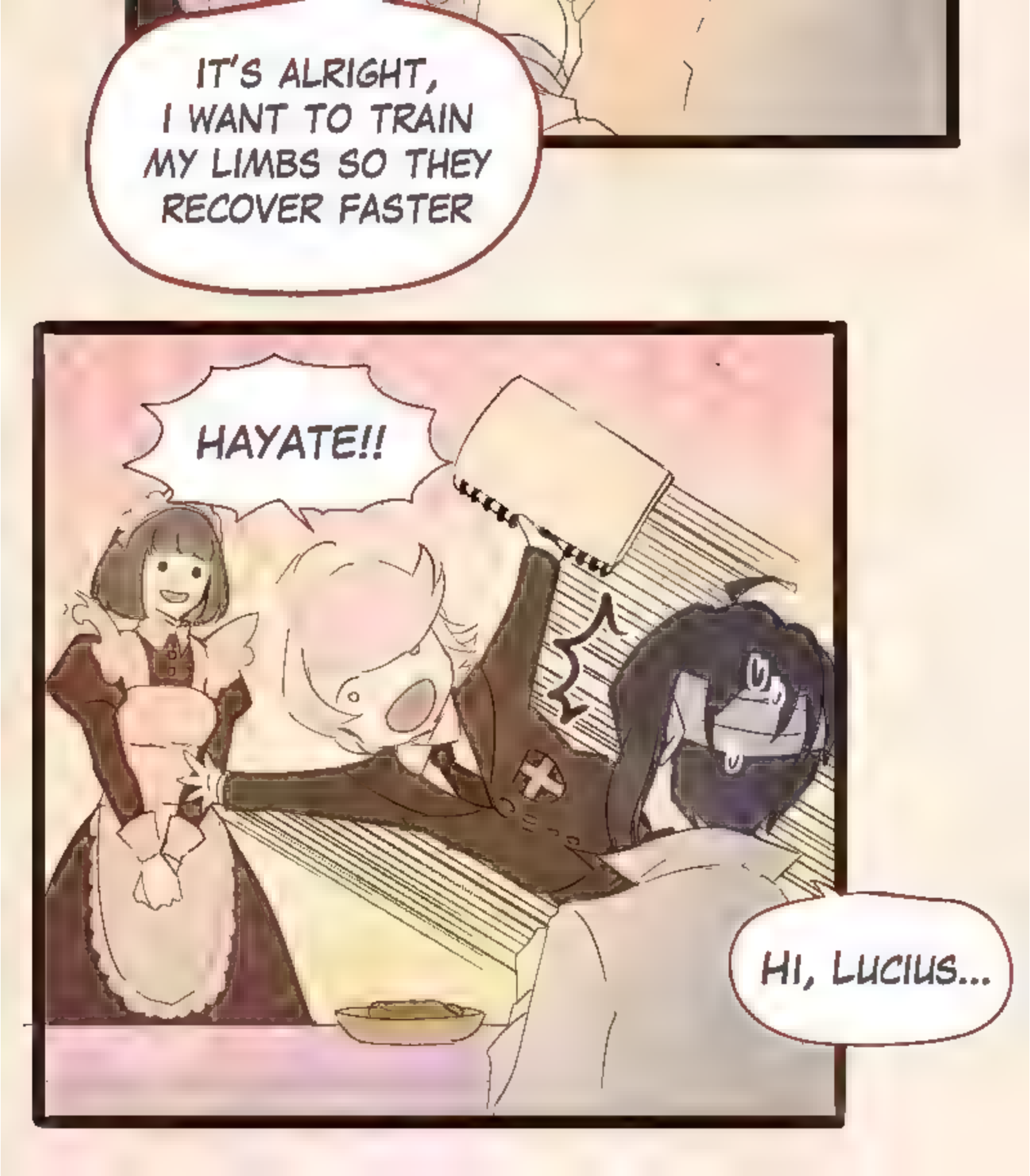
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF

INTO...

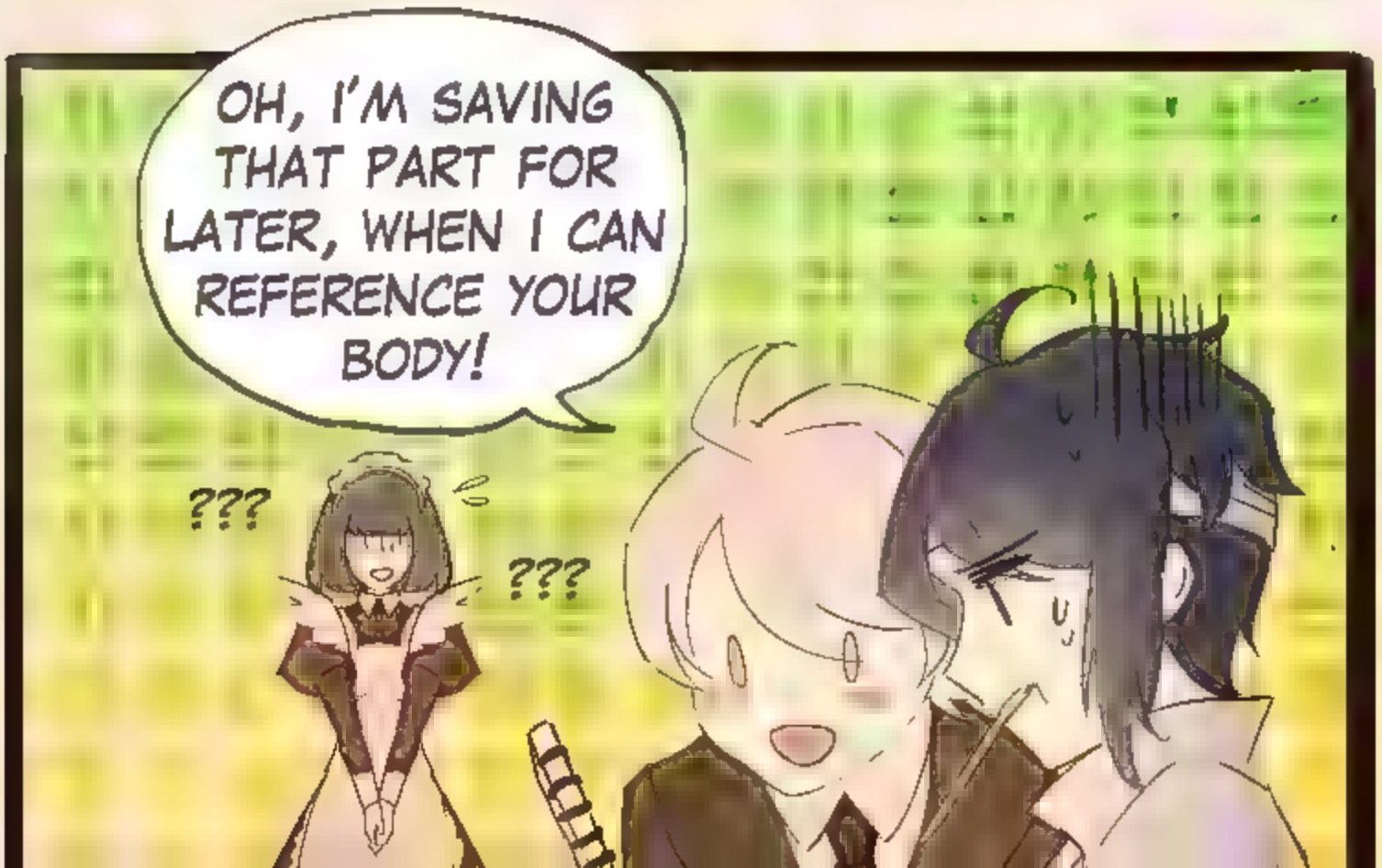
2 WEEKS LATER

SHAKE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF OUT OF BED, HAYATE, WE CAN DELIVER THE MEAL TO YOUR ROOM!


IT'S ALRIGHT, I WANT TO TRAIN MY LIMBS SO THEY RECOVER FASTER
HAYATE!!
HI, LUCIUS...

HOW IS IT THIS TIME?!
OH!
IT LOOKS WAY BETTER! BUT WHY IS HIS TORSO MISSING?


OH, I'M SAVING THAT PART FOR LATER, WHEN I CAN REFERENCE YOUR BODY!
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3 WEEKS LATER

KLAK

FINALLY, I CAN GET HERE ON MY OWN WITH OUT HIM HELPING ME ALL THE TIME!

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HE
HE
HE...

GASP!!
LUCIUS?!!

CAUGHT YOU, HAYATE! YOU HAVEN'T COMMENTED ON ANY OF MY SKETCHES THIS WEEK!
CAN I DO THAT AFTER I'M DONE HERE...
JUST ONE GLANCE, PLEAAAAAAASE!

OH WOW, YOU IMPROVED A LOT! THEY LOOK LIKE ACTUAL COMICS DRAWINGS!

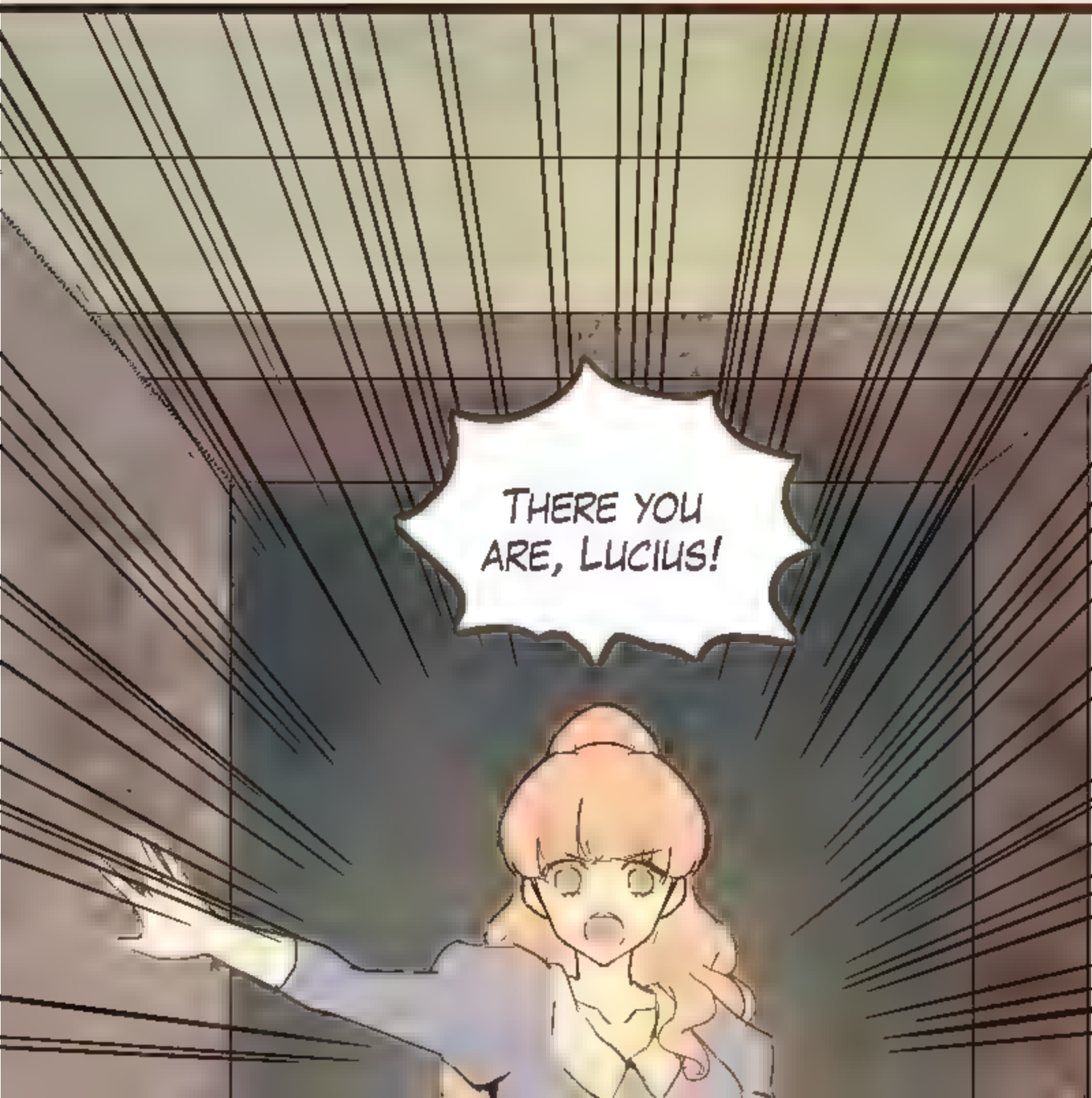
REALLY?! SO YOU THINK I COULD START DRAWING MY OWN COMIC?!
YES. WHY

NOT-?
HAHAHAHA! I'M SO HAPPY, HAYATE!

THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF FOR SO LONG!
THANK YOU!! YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT FRIEND!
I-I REALLY DIDN'T HELP YOU THAT MUCH, I'M NOT GOOD AT ART EITHER...

YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND COMPLIMENTS ARE MY BIGGEST SUPPORT, HAYATE!
I COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING

MORE...



MOTHER-?!!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TWO BOYS DOING IN THE BATHROOM?!
WELL... UM...
I -- I WAS JUST ASKING HAYATE TO HELP ME WITH MY MATH HOMEWORK, MOTHER...

ASKING FOR "HELP"?
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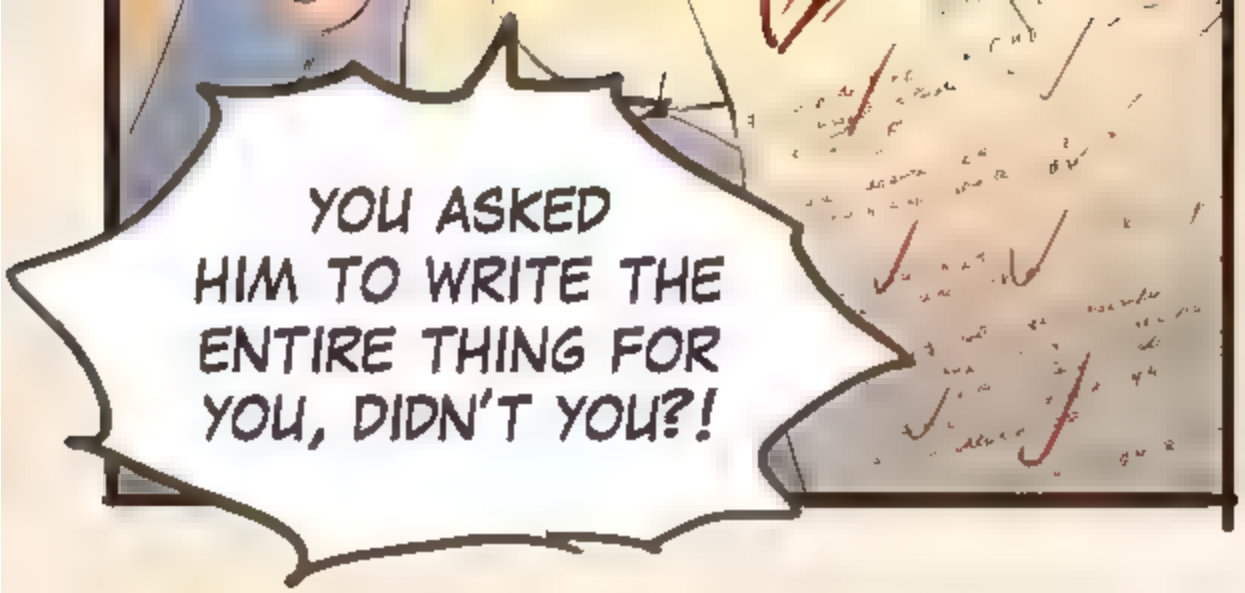
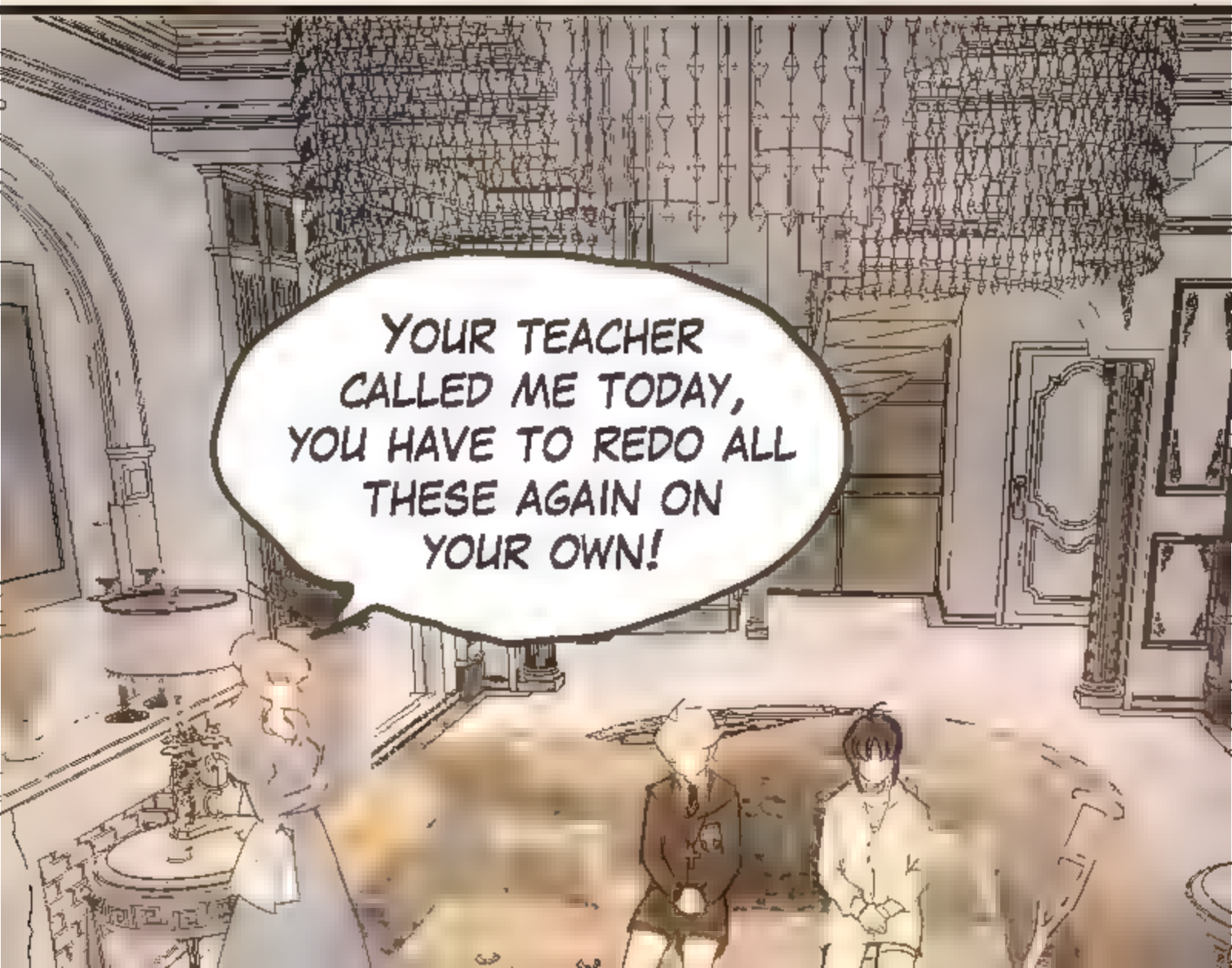
Geometry


YOU ASKED HIM TO WRITE THE ENTIRE THING FOR YOU, DIDN'T YOU?!

S-SAVE ME, HAYATE...
I TOLD YOU THIS WOULDN'T

WORK, LUCIUS!


YOUR TEACHER CALLED ME TODAY, YOU HAVE TO REDO ALL THESE AGAIN ON YOUR OWN!

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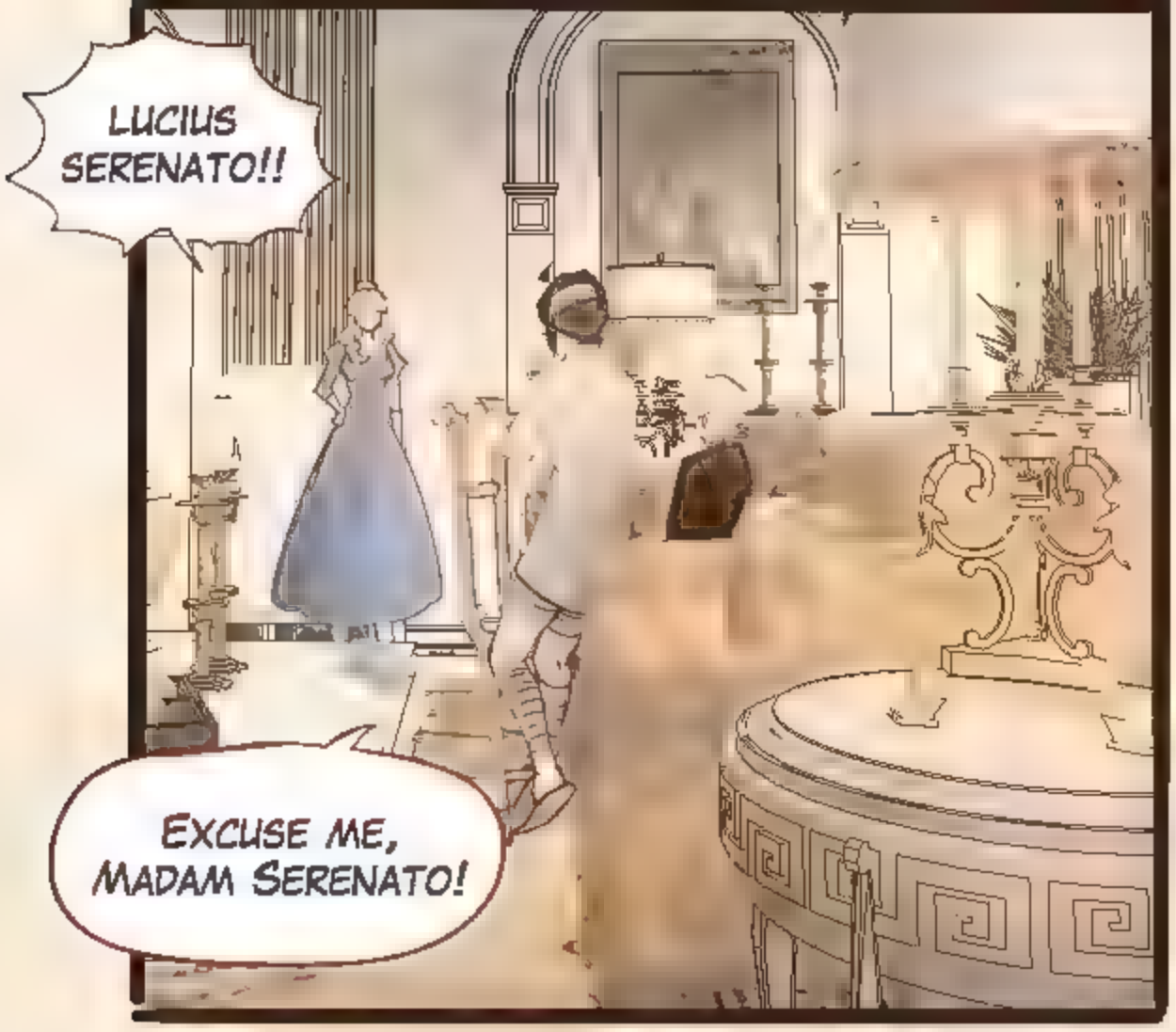
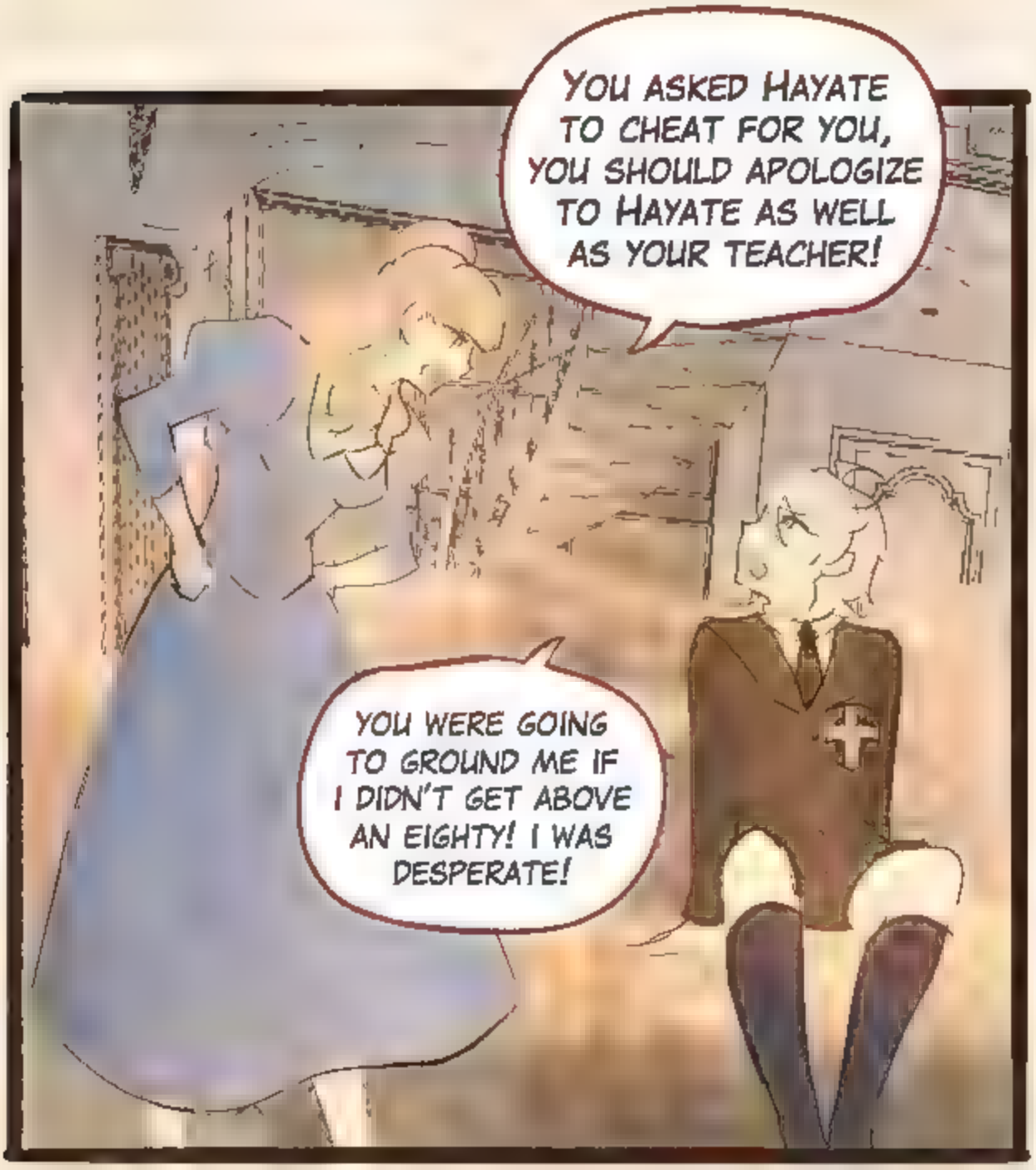
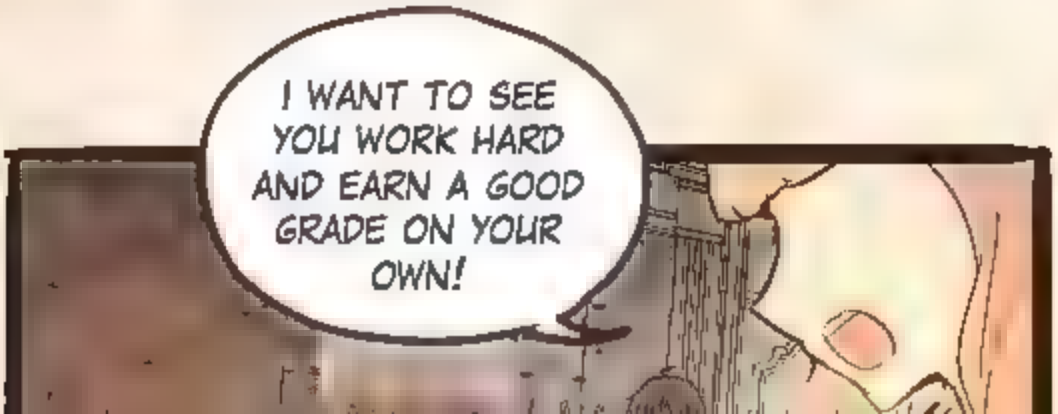
But Mother, you're happy about those grades, right?
If I were to redo these papers, my grades wouldn't be as good...

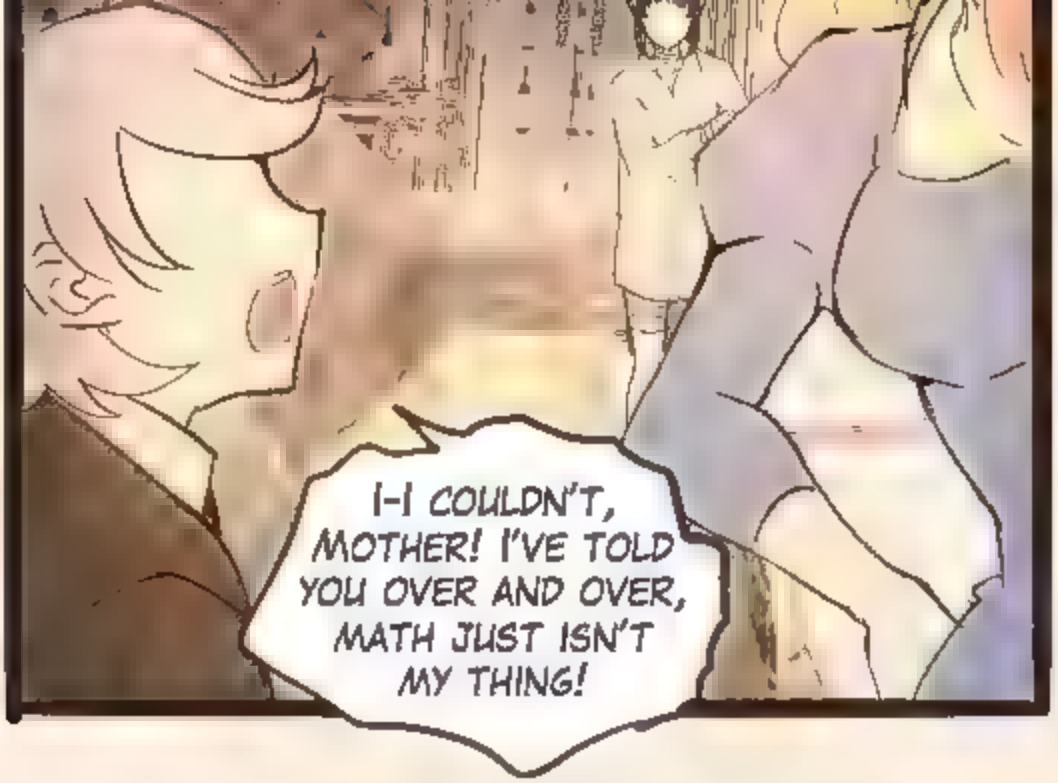

LUCIUS SERENATO!!
EXCUSE ME, MADAM SERENATO!

PLEASE BLAME ME FOR THIS, IT WAS MY IDEA!

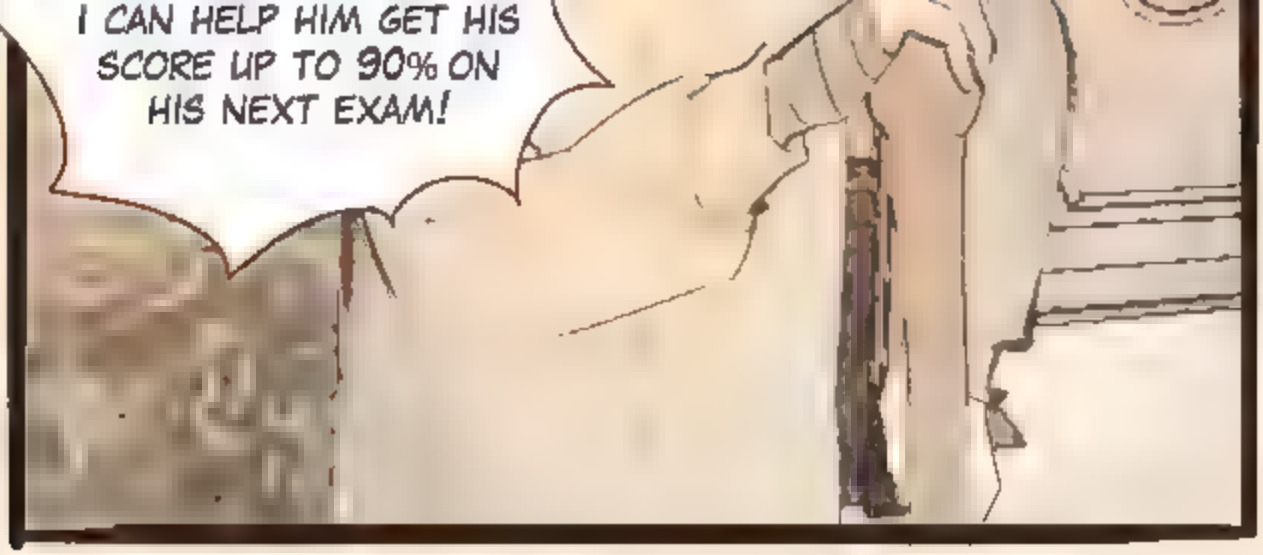
LUCIUS SPENT ALL DAY AND NIGHT DRAWING FOR ME, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIS HEALTH!
I DEEPLY APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED, I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY HARM I--
NO NEED TO DEFEND HIM, HAYATE!
HE NEEDS TO LEARN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS OWN ACTIONS.

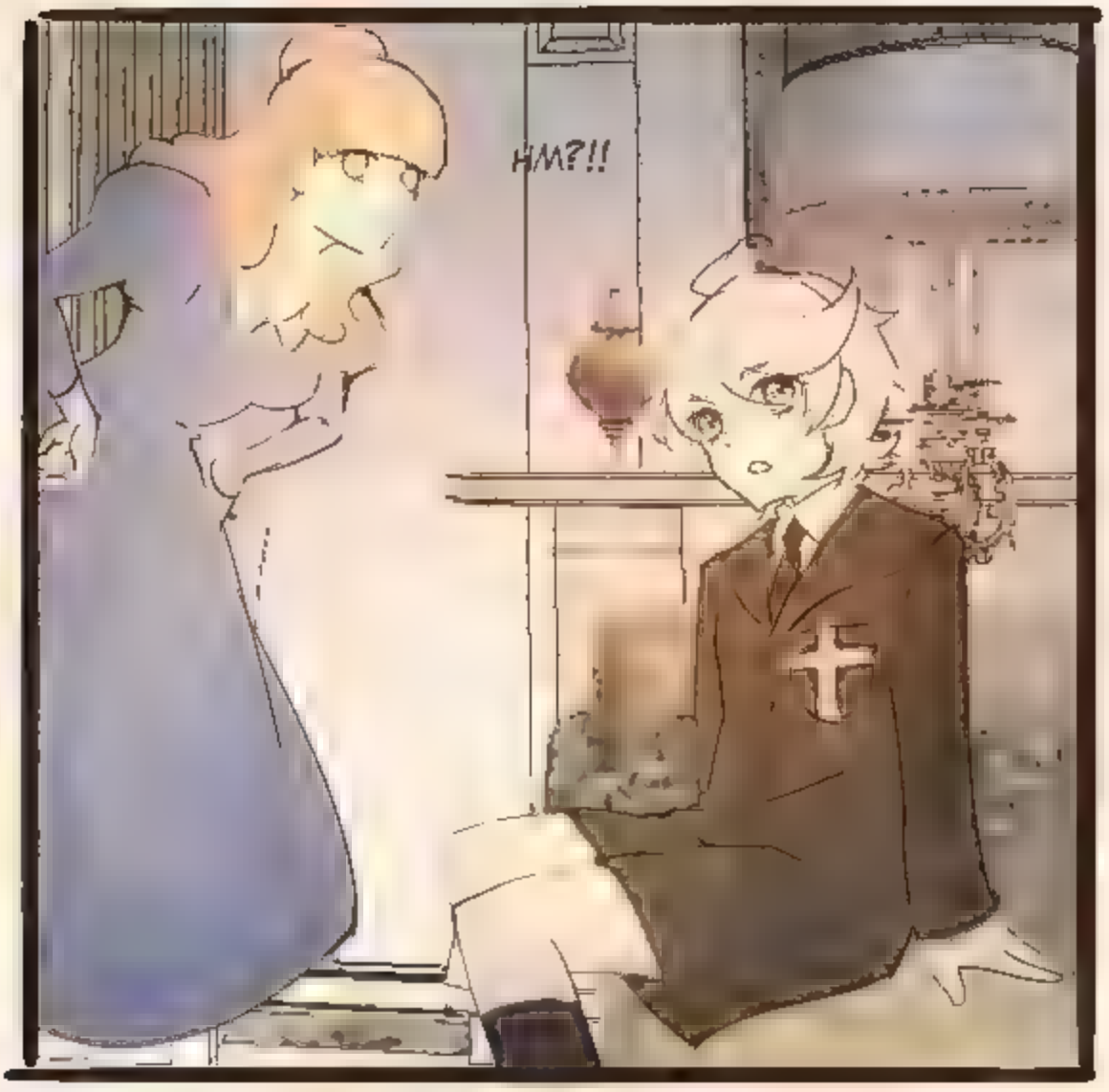

YOU ASKED HAYATE TO CHEAT FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO HAYATE AS WELL AS YOUR TEACHER!
YOU WERE GOING TO GROUND ME IF I DIDN'T GET ABOVE AN EIGHTY! I WAS DESPERATE!


I WANT TO SEE YOU WORK HARD AND EARN A GOOD GRADE ON YOUR OWN!

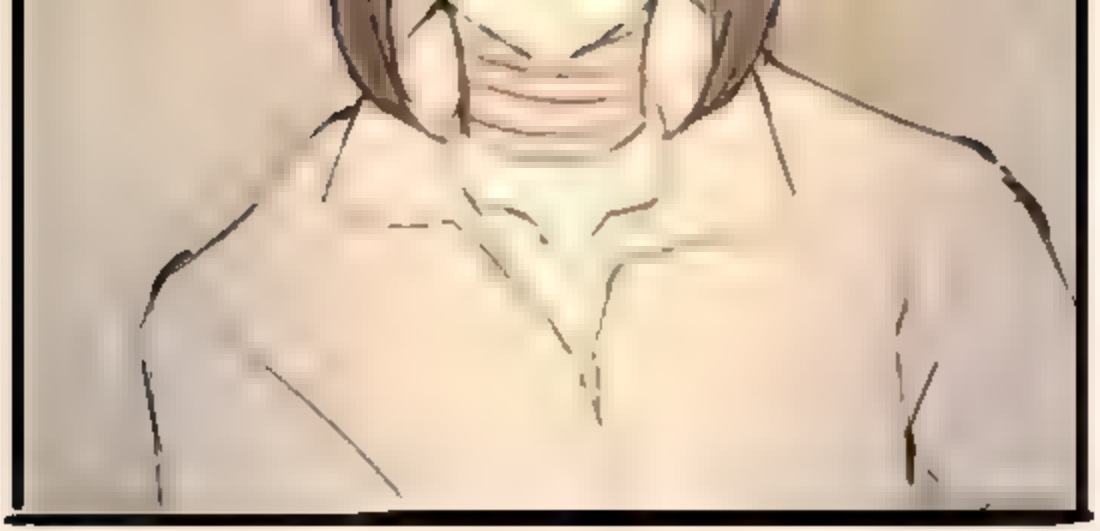

I-I COULDN'T, MOTHER! I'VE TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER, MATH JUST ISN'T MY THING!

I CAN HELP LUCIUS EARN A DECENT GRADE!
IF YOU TRUST ME,


I CAN HELP HIM GET HIS SCORE UP TO 90% ON HIS NEXT EXAM!


HM?!!

REALLY? YOU MEAN YOU CAN HELP HIM GET AN A IN MATH?!
YES, MADAM, PLEASE GIVE ME TWO WEEKS, I KNOW A WAY.



AHH-!

LET ME GO, HAYATE...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!
WE SHOULD BE IN BED BY NOW--
A GOOD SOLDIER

MUST LEARN TO HANDLE LONG HOURS!
WE'LL KEEP GOING YOU UNTIL YOU HAND ME A SATISFYING SOLUTION TO THOSE PROBLEMS!
GULP~

YOU CAN'T SOLVE THEM BECAUSE YOU KEPT LOSING FOCUS!
THERE ARE MORE DOODLES IN YOUR NOTEBOOK THAN EQUATIONS OR STUDY NOTES!
A POORLY

WILL BE PUNISHED!

EACH DOODLE EQUALS ONE EXTRA MATH PROBLEM.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU MANAGE TO SURPRISE ME WITH POSITIVE RESULTS...

EVERY TEN CORRECT ANSWERS GETS YOU ONE PART OF MY BODY, FOR YOUR ANATOMY STUDIES.
WHEN YOU GET ALL 100 QUESTIONS RIGHT, NOT ONLY WILL YOU GET A GOOD GRADE ON YOUR NEXT EXAM...

...BUT ALSO THE REWARD OF MY FULL BODY FOR YOUR ARTISTIC REFERENCE.
OH OH

100 MATH QUESTIONS, HUH?
I'M UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!
YOUR MOTHER WOULD FAINT IF SHE KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU...
BRING IT ON, HAYATE!!

3 WEEKS LATER

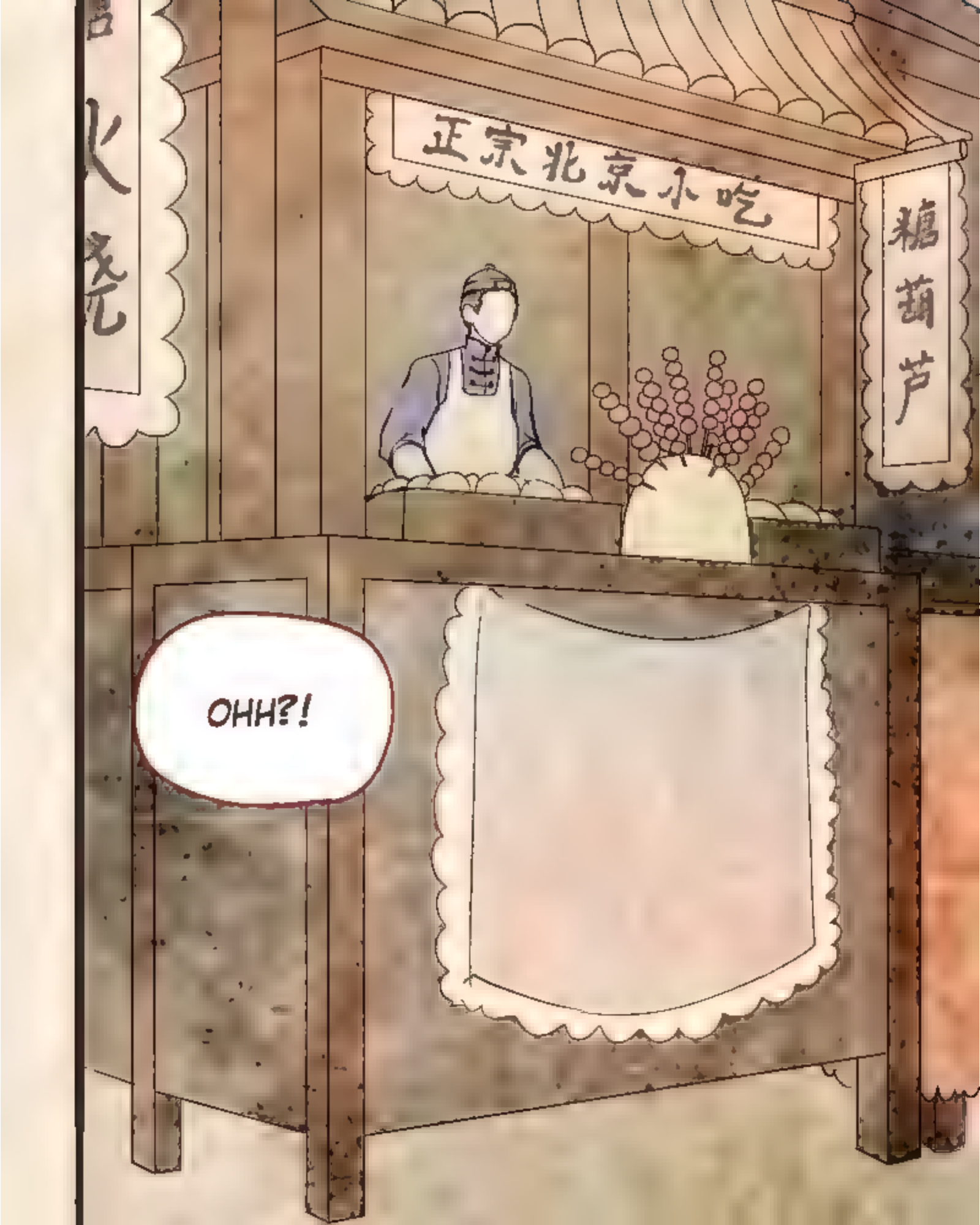
FINALLY, IT'S HOLIDAY BREAK!

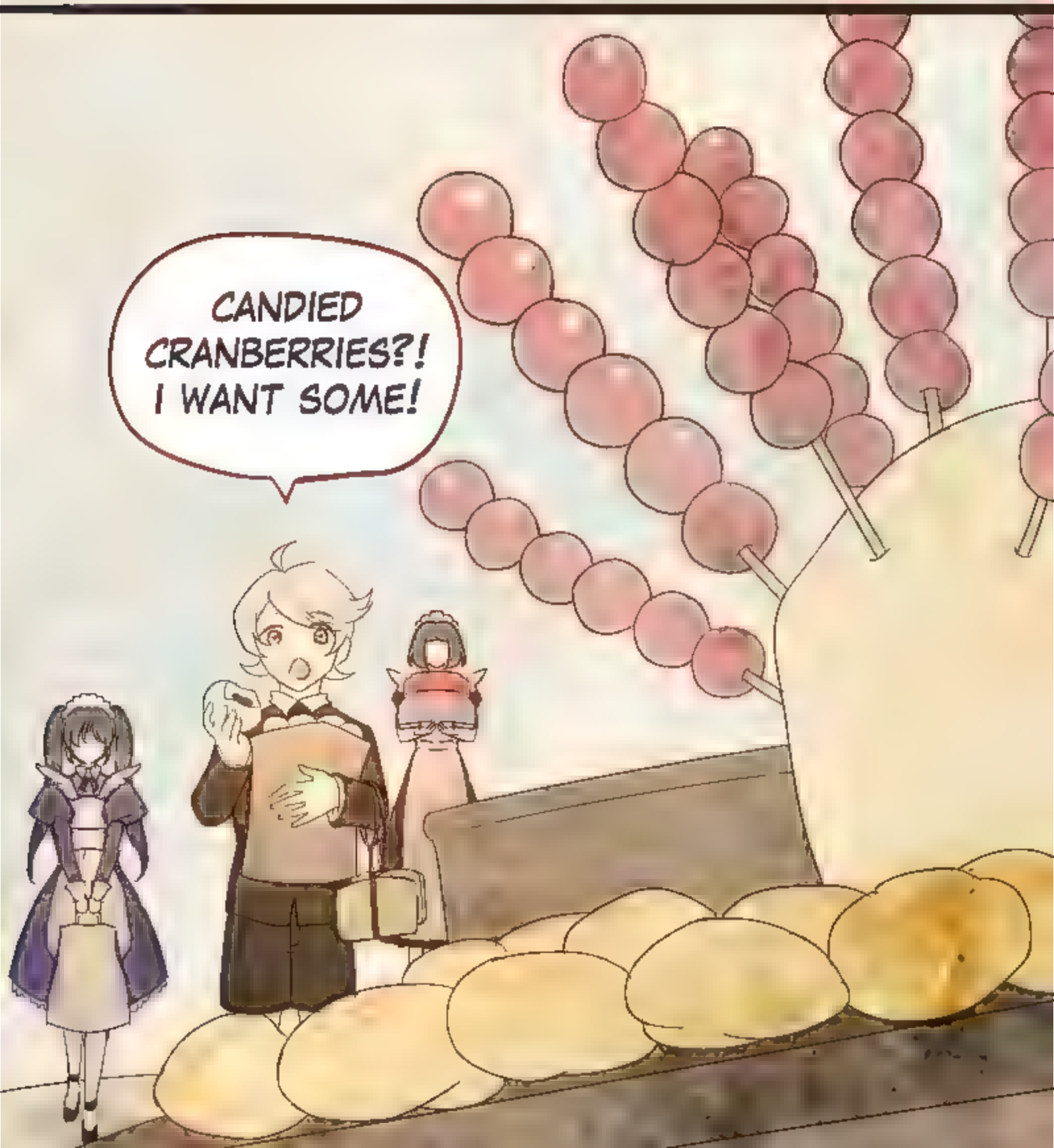
I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD THESE PAST FEW WEEKS!

AH--

MY FIRST TIME GETTING A 90 ON A MATH EXAM!

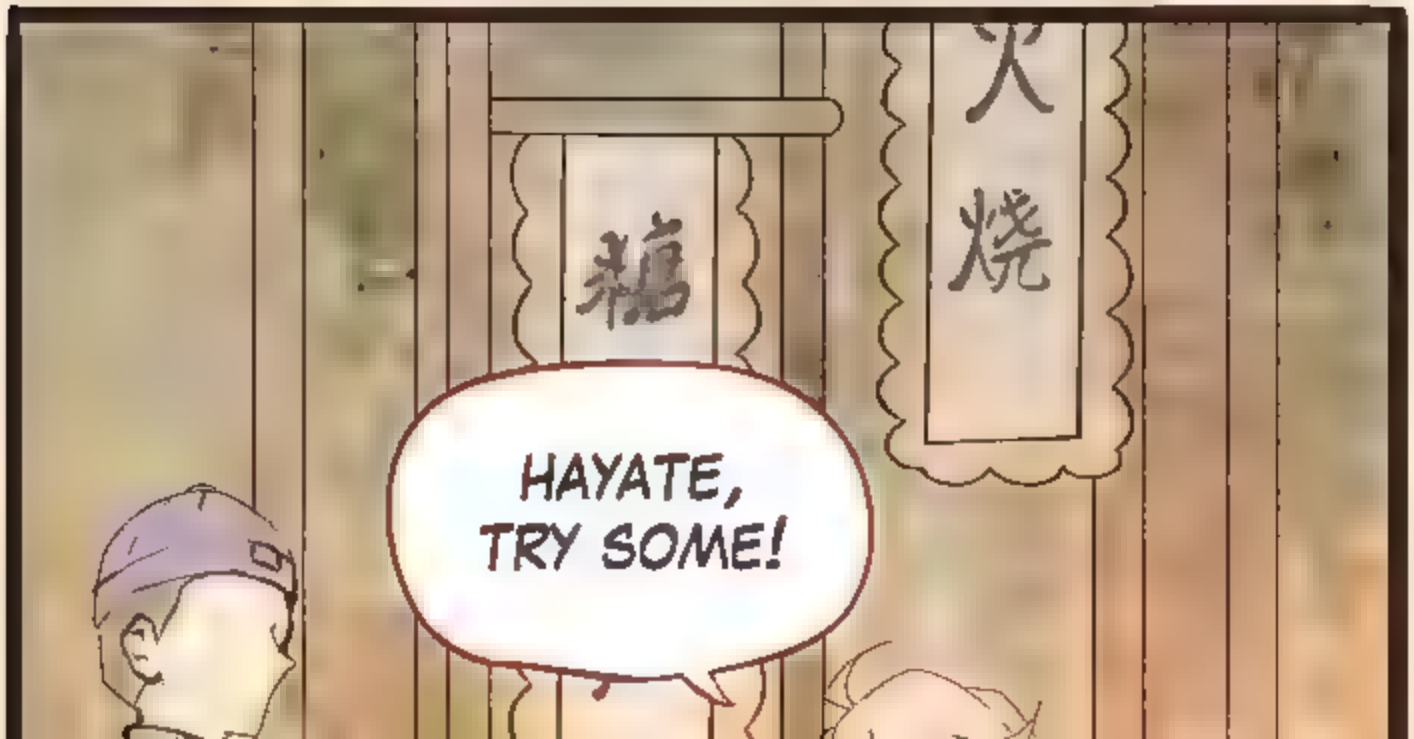
FEELS... SO... GOOD!


正宗北京小吃
糖葫芦
OHH?!


CANDIED CRANBERRIES?! I WANT SOME!

I HAVEN'T HAD THESE SINCE MY BEIJING TRIP LAST SUMMER!

I'LL TAKE TWO OF EACH KIND!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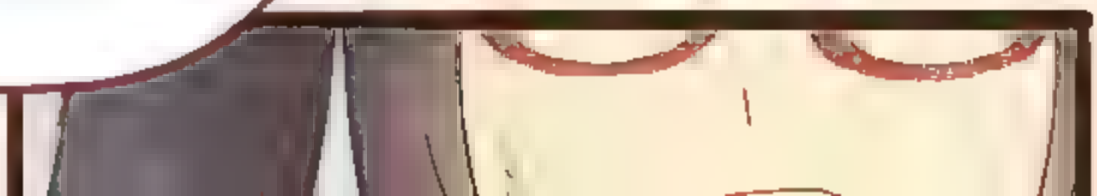
HAYATE, TRY SOME!

THESE ARE A DELICACY FROM BEIJING!

TAKE IT EASY, LUCIUS!

YOU'VE BEEN STUFFING HAYATE WITH STREET FOOD FOR THE PAST THREE HOURS...
HAYATE EATS WAY MORE THAN I DO, HE'S FINE!
茶
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE HIM OUT ON THE STREETS!

AND NOW YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT BEING CAUGHT BY THE SOLDIERS!
I'VE GOT YOU COMPLETELY COVERED, WE CAN PLAY AS LONG AS WE WANT!



Y-YEAH...

I-I...

SUPPOSE...

HEHEHE!

WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY TO ME, HAYATE?

T-THANK YOU, LUCIUS..

FOR BEING SO...
CONSIDERATE...

NO, NO, NO!
NOT THAT!

EHHH...

YOUR CREATIVITY AND ARTISTRY IN CRAFTING THIS COSTUME IS OUTSTANDING, LUCIUS...

NOT ENOUGH...
EH?

PRAISE ME MORE, HAYATE!

JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO!
YES, MY LUCIUS IS A GENIUS ARTIST FOR COMING UP WITH SUCH A BRILLIANT IDEA!

YOUR ARTWORK WILL BE SHOWCASED IN MUSEUMS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHEN YOU GROW UP!
HE MUST BE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE, TAKING REVENGE ON ME FOR BEING A STRICT TEACHER!

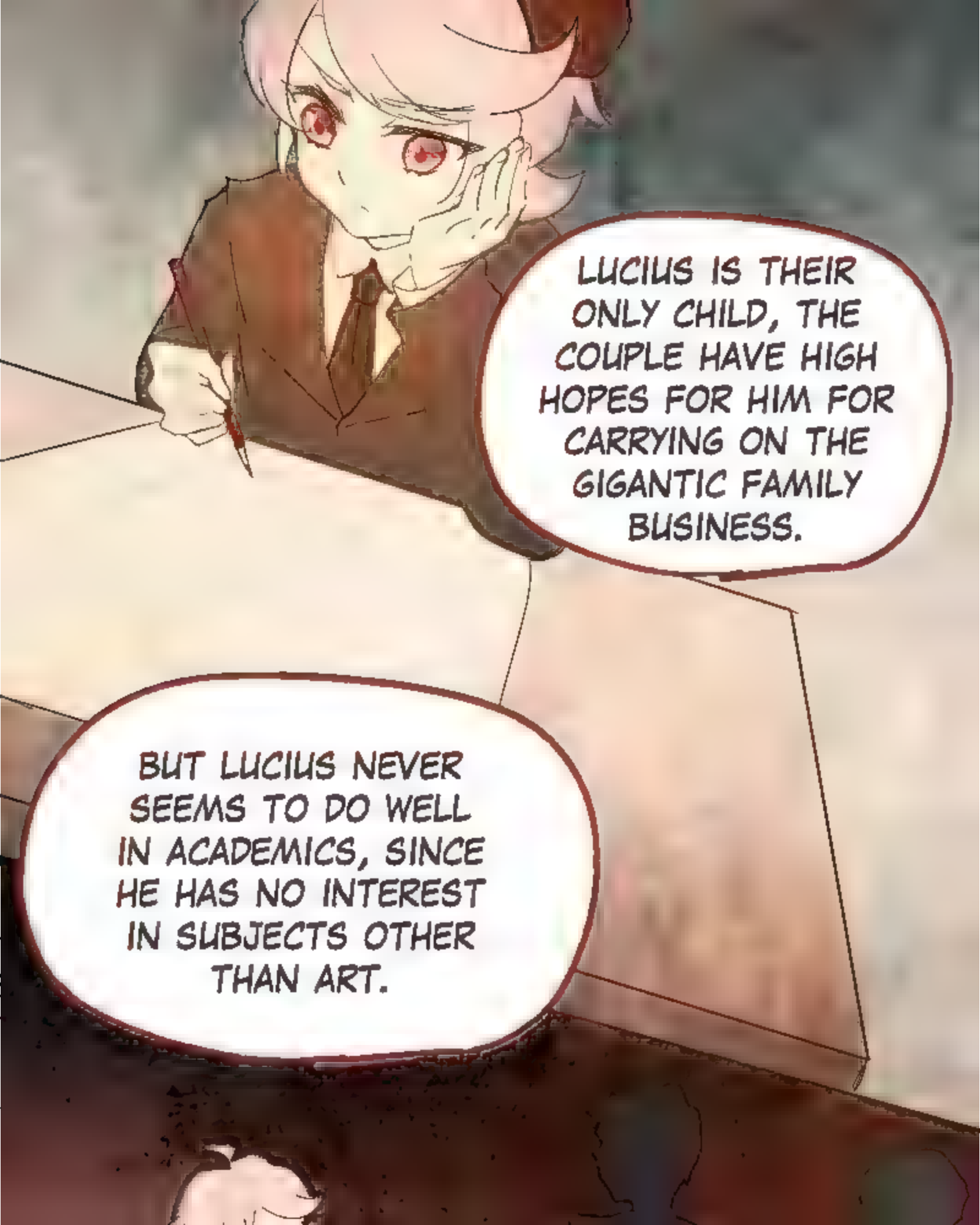
YES! THIS IS THE FEELING, HAYATE!

YESSS!
HAYATE'S DAILY PRAISE (1/1)
QUEST COMPLETE!

I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE SO

WORKED UP ABOUT A FEW COMPLIMENTS
HE'S BEEN CHEERY ALL THE TIME EVER SINCE YOU CAME, HAYATE!
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE NO ONE

EVER ACKNOWLEDGED HIM LIKE YOU DID...
THE SERENATO FAMILY RUN A WELL KNOWN BRITISH BUSINESS EMPIRE IN SHANGHAI,
THEY IMMIGRATED TO SHANGHAI FROM LONDON AND THEIR BUSINESS HAS BEEN THRIVING FOR GENERATIONS.


LUCIUS IS THEIR ONLY CHILD, THE COUPLE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR HIM FOR CARRYING ON THE GIGANTIC FAMILY BUSINESS.
BUT LUCIUS NEVER SEEMS TO DO WELL IN ACADEMICS, SINCE HE HAS NO INTEREST IN SUBJECTS OTHER THAN ART.

ALL HIS PEERS BULLY AND LAUGH AT HIM FOR HIS ECCENTRICITIES.
MR. AND MRS. SERENATO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR UNUSUAL SON,

BUT INSTEAD OF ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR CHILD'S PASSION, THEY'VE DONE EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO PUT AN END TO HIS "USELESS" HOBBY.

I KNOW HOW THAT FEELS...
THAT FEELING OF WANTING ATTENTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM YOUR CLOSEST ONES...

KNOWING THAT
YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING,
EVEN AGAINST YOUR OWN
INTERESTS, JUST TO SEE
HIM SMILE..

BUT IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN,

NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY...

FATHER WILL NEVER EVEN LOOK AT ME....
IF ONLY I WERE AS LUCKY AS LUCIUS...

I WISH ONE DAY,
YOU WOULD PRAISE
ME AT LEAST ONCE.

FATHER...

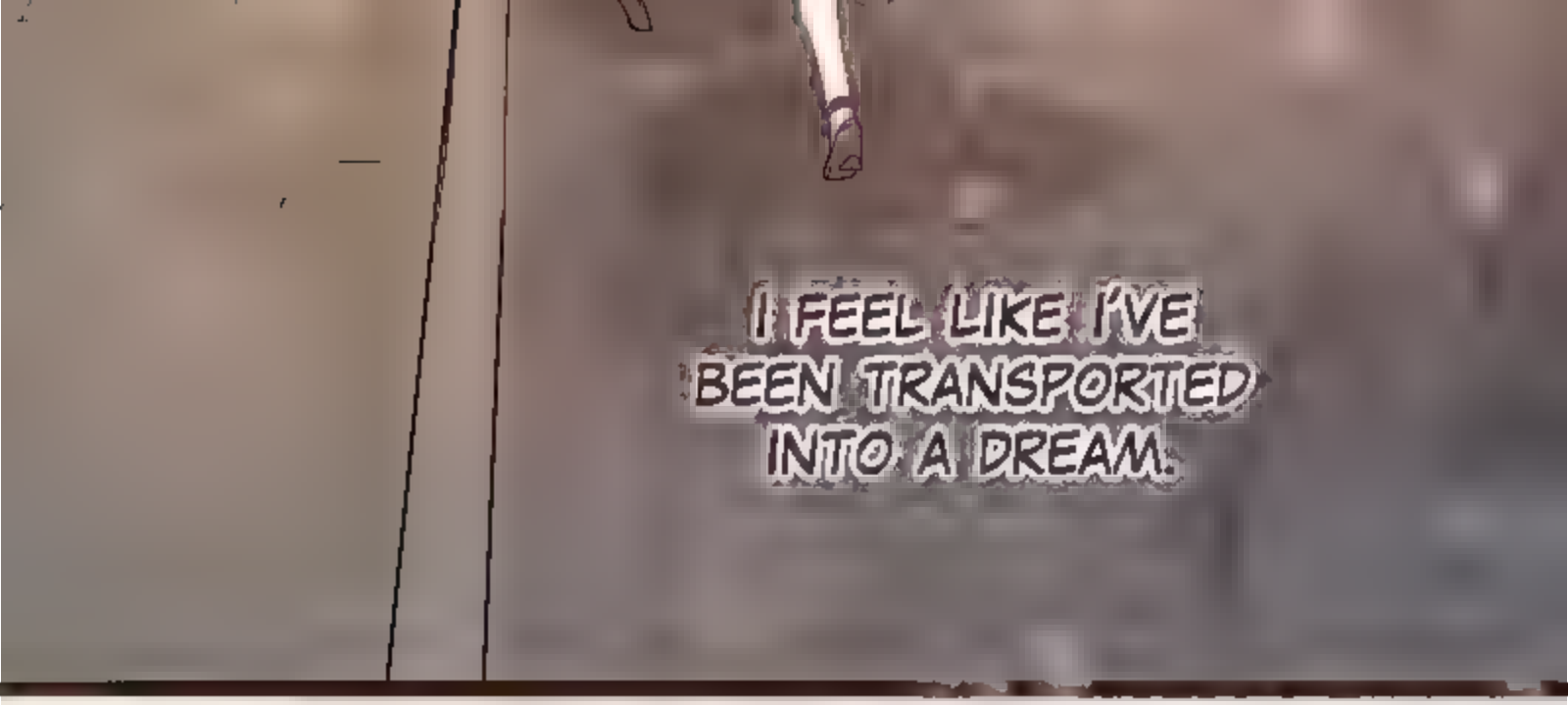
HAYATE,
LET'S GO!

THERE'S MORE STREET FOOD WAITING FOR US!!

FOLLOW ME, HAYATE, I WANT TO SHOW YOU ALL THE BEST PARTS OF THE CITY!
THINGS

WHAT A HASSEL...

BUT EVER
SINCE I'VE HAD HIM
BY MY SIDE,




A DREAM THAT
I COULD HARDLY IMAGINE
THINKING ABOUT IN
MY PAST LIFE,

A DREAM THAT
I WISH I'LL NEVER
WAKE UP FROM.

BUT OF COURSE,
LIKE ALL DREAMS, IT
CAN'T LAST.

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